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TAGS: EAIR, MARR, US, UK, CG
SUBJECT: FLIGHT CLEARANCE: ASCENSION ISLAND

REF: STATE 89098

1. UK FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (FCO) INFORMED US
4 P.M. LOCAL TIME APR. 25 THAT IT HAD JUST BEEN INFORMED
BY UK DEPT. OF TRADE THAT CLEARANCE REQUESTS FROM WORLD
AIRWAYS AND AIRLIFT INTERNATIONAL FOR USE OF ASCENSION
ISLAND FACILITIES ON FLIGHTS APR. 26 HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY
TELEX. FCO, IN VIEW OF INFO WE HAD PROVIDED PER REFTEL,
ASKED IF THESE WERE ZAIRE RESUPPLY FLIGHTS OR SOMETHING
ELSE. WE SAID WE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION ON THE
FLIGHTS BUT THAT THEY APPEARED TO BE THE FIRST OF THE
RESUPPLY FLIGHTS MENTIONED REFTEL.

2. FCO TOLD US THEY DID NOT PERCEIVE ANY PROBLEM WITH
THE PROPOSED FLIGHTS AND NOTED THAT UNDER ASCENSION
ISLAND AGREEMENT UK WAS NOT, IN FACT, IN POSITION OF
APPROVING SUCH USE OF ISLAND'S FACILITIES BUT WAS TO BE
INFORMED 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO ALLOW TIME FOR ANY OBJEC-
TION UK MIGHT HAVE. FCO SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT UK
EXPECTED TO RECEIVE FLIGHT DATA DIRECTLY FROM USG NOT
FROM CARRIER AS IN THIS CASE. IN ADDITION, LESS THAN ONE
DAY, RATHER THAN THREE, HAD BEEN AVAILABLE FOR UK CON-
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SIDERATION.

3. WE AGREED WITH FCO THAT IT ALSO OUR UNDERSTANDING
FROM REFTEL THAT FLIGHT DATA WAS TO BE PROVIDED THROUGH
US MILITARY CHANNELS NOT DIRECT FROM CARRIERS.

4. FCO SAID UK DID NOT OBJECT TO PROPOSED OPERATIONS

26 APR. BUT, IN FUTURE WISHED TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF FLIGHTS THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS AND WITH SUFFICIENT TIME AS REQUIRED BY AGREEMENT TO CONSIDER UK POSITION.

5. COMMENT: APR. 26 WORLD AND AIRLIFT FLIGHTS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT CONFUSED. WHILE QUESTION OF BLANKET CLEARANCE PROPOSED REFTEL NOT YET ANSWERED BY UK, IT SEEMS CLEAR THERE WILL BE LITTLE OR NO DIFFICULTY IN CLEARING ZAIRE RESUPPLY FLIGHTS VIA ASCENSION WITH UK. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS TO US THAT DATA ON FLIGHTS SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO UK FROM GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT VIA MILITARY (DAO) OR EMBASSY CHANNELS AS PROPOSED REFTEL AND NOT DIRECTLY BY AIR CARRIERS. IN ADDITION, IT WOULD SEEM THAT IN MOST CASES IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE FLIGHT DATA THREE DAYS OR AS CLOSE TO THAT TIME AS POSSIBLE BEFORE OPERATIONS SO THAT BRITISH HAVE REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE THEIR OPTION TO OBJECT IF THEY FIND IT NECESSARY TO DO SO.

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